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Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The accompanying drawings show how a hat can be made using two can cartons, a 24 can carton and either a 12 can carton, an 18 can carton, or another 24 can carton. In Figures 1 and 2, can carton 1 has patterns 2 printed on it. Usually, patterns 2 will be printed on the inside of the carton, but some or all of the patterns could be printed on the outside of the carton. Instead of printing the patterns on the cartons, the patterns could be marked on the cartons by perforations, or by stamps or dies in the shape of the patterns, which also cut the patterns out, or by some other means. The patterns may be marked on the can cartons by a cutting tool as it cuts the pieces from the can cartons. --

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Portions 3, 4, and 5 of carton 1 form a top, sides, and a bottom of the assembled carton, where the "top" of the carton has handle 6 on it and is the uppermost part of the carton when the designs and writing on the carton are in an upright position. Instructions printed on the carton (not shown) tell the reader to cut along the lines of pattern 1, forming three parts, an upper brim 7 and a lower brim 8, which has two parts, a front lower brim 8F and a back lower brim 8B. Alternatively, by using another 24 can carton, upper brim 7 can be duplicated and used to form a single piece lower brim 8. Logo plate piece 9 is also printed on carton 1. These patterns have been positioned on the carton so that the manufacturer's carton designs are best

displayed on the hat when the hat is assembled. Logo ~~plate~~ piece 9, for example, is positioned so that the manufacturer's logo ~~plate~~ piece appears on the opposite side. –

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring now also to Figure 4, 12 can carton 14 has pattern 15 printed on it and, in Figure 5, 18 can carton 16 has patterns 17 printed on it. After cartons 14 and 16 have been assembled, filled with cans, and emptied, they are cut along the dotted lines in Figures 4 and 5 (i.e., the cartons are cut vertically through the top, sides, and bottom). This forms parts from the ends of the cartons that are identical except for designs and writing on the cartons. Each of these parts will form crown 18 having a rectangular cross-section, as shown in Figure 6. In Figure 6, crown 18 has a top 19, sides 20, and tabs 21 extending at a 90° to sides 20. (See Figures 4 and 5 for the positions of top 19, sides 20 and tabs 21 on the laid out carton.) Tabs 21 preferably extend outward about ¾ to about 2 inches from sides 20. –

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 7 is similar to Figure 2 in that it shows a 24 can carton 22 laid flat, but the pattern 23 printed thereon is for making a crown, which can be larger or smaller than the crowns shown in Figure 6. The pattern is cut along the dotted lines, sides 24 are folded upward at 90°, and tabs 25 are glued, stapled, or otherwise fixed to sides 24. Tabs 26 are cut where the dotted lines indicate and are folded at 90° to sides 24. Figure 8 shows the cut-out pattern 23 (inverted) of Figure 7 in the process of being assembled into a crown. Tabs 25 are attached to sides 24 and tabs 26 will slide in between the upper brim and the lower brim. Thus, as shown in Figures 4, 5, 6, 7, and

8, crown 18 is formed from a single can carton, for example a 12 can carton (Figures 4 and 6), an 18 can carton (Figures 5 and 6), or a 24 can carton (Figures 7 and 8). --

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In order to be able to form the brim of the hat in a desired shape, it is ~~preferably~~ preferable to reinforce the brim with a material that will hold the brim in position after it has been shaped. This can be accomplished in several ways. Referring to Figure 9, duck tape 27 has be wrapped over wire 28. Other materials, such as cloth, plastic, or rubber, could also be used instead of duck tape 27. Wire 28 can be supplied with the carton or a stiff wire, such as a coat hanger wire, can be used. Duck tape 27 and tabs 26 of crown 18 are inserted in between upper brim 7 and lower brim 8. Upper brim 7, lower brim 8, and duck tape 27 are stapled together with staples 29. --

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As another alternative, in Figure 10, a piece of wire mesh 30 is positioned in between upper brim 7 and lower brim pieces 8F and 8B. Tabs 21 are also positioned in between upper brim 7 and lower brim pieces 8F and 8B, either above or below wire mesh 30. Other materials that can be bent and will then retain their shape, such as sheet metal or aluminum sheet, could also be used: Upper brim 7, wire mesh 30, and lower brim pieces 8F and 8B are then fixed together using either staples, glue, single or double sided tape, stitching, or other means. Care is taken to avoid sealing upper brim 7 and lower brim pieces 8F and 8B near crown 18, so that tabs 21 can slide in between

upper brim 7 and lower brim pieces 8F and 8B. This permits sides 20 of crown 18 to move outward to accommodate the shape of a person's head. Figure.11 shows how sides 20 can move outward as tabs 21 slide in between upper brim 7 and lower brim pieces 8F and 8B. Because there is a gap between the sides 20 of crown 18 and brim 7 so that sides 20 are not in contact with brim 7, sides 20 can be pushed outward into that gap as the hat is pressed downward onto a person's head. Also, in Figure 11 chin strap 31 has been attached to the underside of lower brim 8. This can be accomplished, for example, using glue, staples, or tape, or other suitable means, or by inserting the ends through holes in the brim and tying knots at the ends. Chin strap 31 fits under the chin of the wearer of the hat to help hold the hat on his head, or around the neck of the wearer if the hat is worn on his shoulders. --

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In Figure 12, manufacturer's logo ~~plate~~ piece 32 is glued, stapled, or otherwise attached to the front of completed hat 33. --